

DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
15 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # K-7360
SPO Map 12-13-19
Hundred South
Quad Murderkill
Other Frederica

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Grodkiewicz Property/Dwelling
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 111 Bowers Beach Road, Kent County; North Side of Road
3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Little Heaven vicinity? ☐
4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE: building ☒ landscape ☐ structure ☐ district ☐ site ☐ object ☐
5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY: Dwelling
6. PROJECT TITLE/ REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):
SR 1 Little Heaven Interchange

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List property types:
1	CRS 2 Main Building Form	dwelling
1	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	garage
0	CRS 4 Archaeological Site Form	
0	CRS 5 Structure (Building-Like) Form	
0	CRS 6 Structure (Land Feature) Form	
0	CRS 7 Object Form	
0	CRS 8 Landscape Elements Form	
1	CRS 9 Map Form	N/A
0	CRS 14 Potential District Form	

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator signature: _____

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: July 2004

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

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10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- ☐ Pre-European Contact
- ☐ Paleo-Indian
- ☐ Archaic
- ☐ Woodland I
- ☐ Woodland II

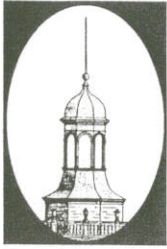
- ☐ 1600-1750∇ Contact Period (Native American)
- ☐ 1630-1730∇ Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- ☐ 1730-1770∇ Intensified and Durable Occupation
- ☐ 1770-1830∇ Early Industrialization
- ☐ 1830-1880∇ Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- ☐ 1880-1940∇ Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- ☒ 1940-1960∇ Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

b) Geographical zone

- ☐ Piedmont
- ☒ Upper Peninsula
- ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- ☐ Coastal
- ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 111 Bowers Beach Road, Kent County; North Side of Road
2. FUNCTION(S): historic Residential current Residential
3. YEAR BUILT: 1954 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: _____
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Bungalow/Cottage
5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐
if moved, from where other location's CRS # year

list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year
a. _____
b. _____
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
 - a. Overall shape: rectangular Stories: 1
Additions: _____
 - b. Structural system (if known): frame
 - c. Foundation: materials: concrete block
basement: full ☒ partial ☐ not visible ☐ no basement ☐
 - d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): aluminum
 - e. Roof: shape: gable
materials: asphalt shingles
cornice: aluminum
dormers: N/A
chimney: location(s): exterior concrete block chimney on west wall
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
 - a. Facade: Direction: S
 - 1) Bays 2
 - 2) Windows 2
fenestration irregular
type 1/1 double-hung
trim vinyl
shutters vinyl, screw-on

Facade (cont'd)

- 3) Door(s) n/a
 location n/a
 type n/a
 trim n/a

4) Porch(es)

b. Side: Direction: W

- 1) Bays 3
 2) Windows 2
 fenestration irregular
 type 1/1 double-hung
 trim vinyl
 shutters vinyl, screw-on
 3) Door(s) 1
 location near north end
 type simple leaf
 trim vinyl
 4) Porch(es) has exterior deck

c. Side: Direction: E

- 1) Bays 3
 2) Windows 2
 fenestration irregular
 type paired, 1/1 double-hung
 trim vinyl
 shutters screw-on
 3) Door(s) 1
 location near south end
 type simple leaf
 trim vinyl
 4) Porch(es) n/a

d. Rear: Direction: N

- 1) Bays 1
 2) Windows 1
 fenestration irregular
 type paired 1/1 double-hung
 trim vinyl
 shutters n/a
 3) Door(s) n/a
 location n/a
 type n/a
 trim n/a
 4) Porch(es) exterior deck continues partially to west elevation

9. INTERIOR: Not accessible

10. LANDSCAPING: Small, grassy lawn to front of house; some low shrubs align the sides of the driveway

11. OTHER COMMENTS:



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 111 Bowers Beach Road, Kent County; North Side of Road
2. FUNCTION(S): historic Garage current Garage
3. YEAR BUILT: 1980 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: _____
4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular; Vernacular
5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐
if moved, from where original location's CRS # year

list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year
a. _____
b. _____
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐
7. DESCRIPTION:
 - a. Structural system Frame
 - b. Number of stories 1
 - c. Wall coverings Aluminum
 - d. Foundation n/a
 - e. Roof
structural system Gable
coverings Asphalt shingles
openings n/a
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
 - a. Facade: direction: S
 - 1) bays: 2
 - 2) windows: n/a
 - 3) door(s): 2 overhead metal garage doors
 - 4) other: n/a

b. Side: direction: W

- 1) bays: 2
- 2) windows: 1, 1/1 double-hung, vinyl
- 3) door(s): 12 lights over 2 panels
- 4) other: n/a

c. Side: direction: N

- 1) bays: 2
- 2) windows: 2, 1/1 double hung, vinyl
- 3) door(s): n/a
- 4) other: n/a

d. Rear: direction: E

- 1) bays: n/a
- 2) windows: n/a
- 3) door(s): n/a
- 4) other: n/a

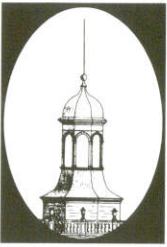
9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan n/a

b) Partition/walls n/a

c) Finishes n/a

d) Furnishings/machinery n/a



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM

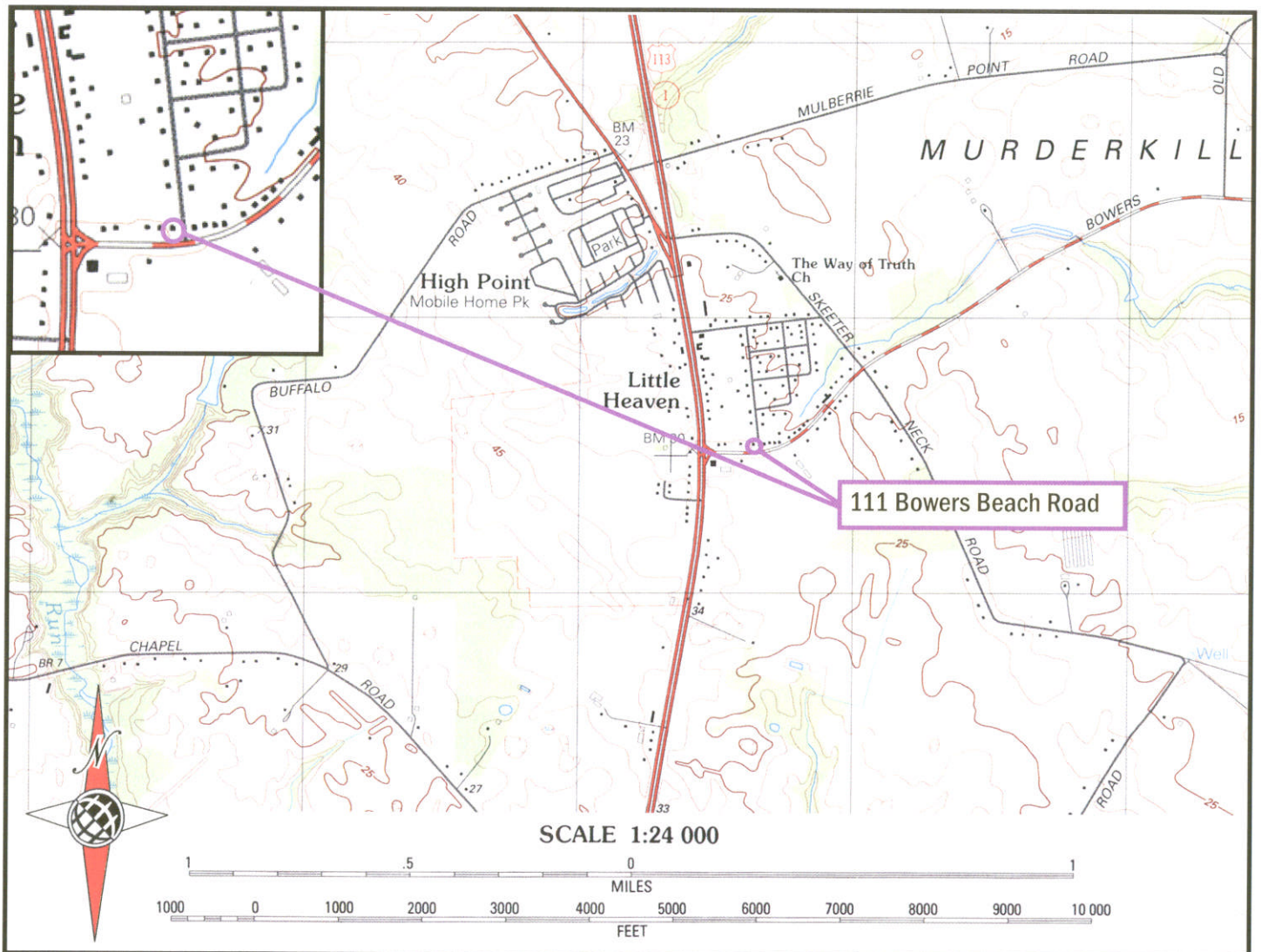
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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 111 Bowers Beach Road, South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION ☐ reason: _____
3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)

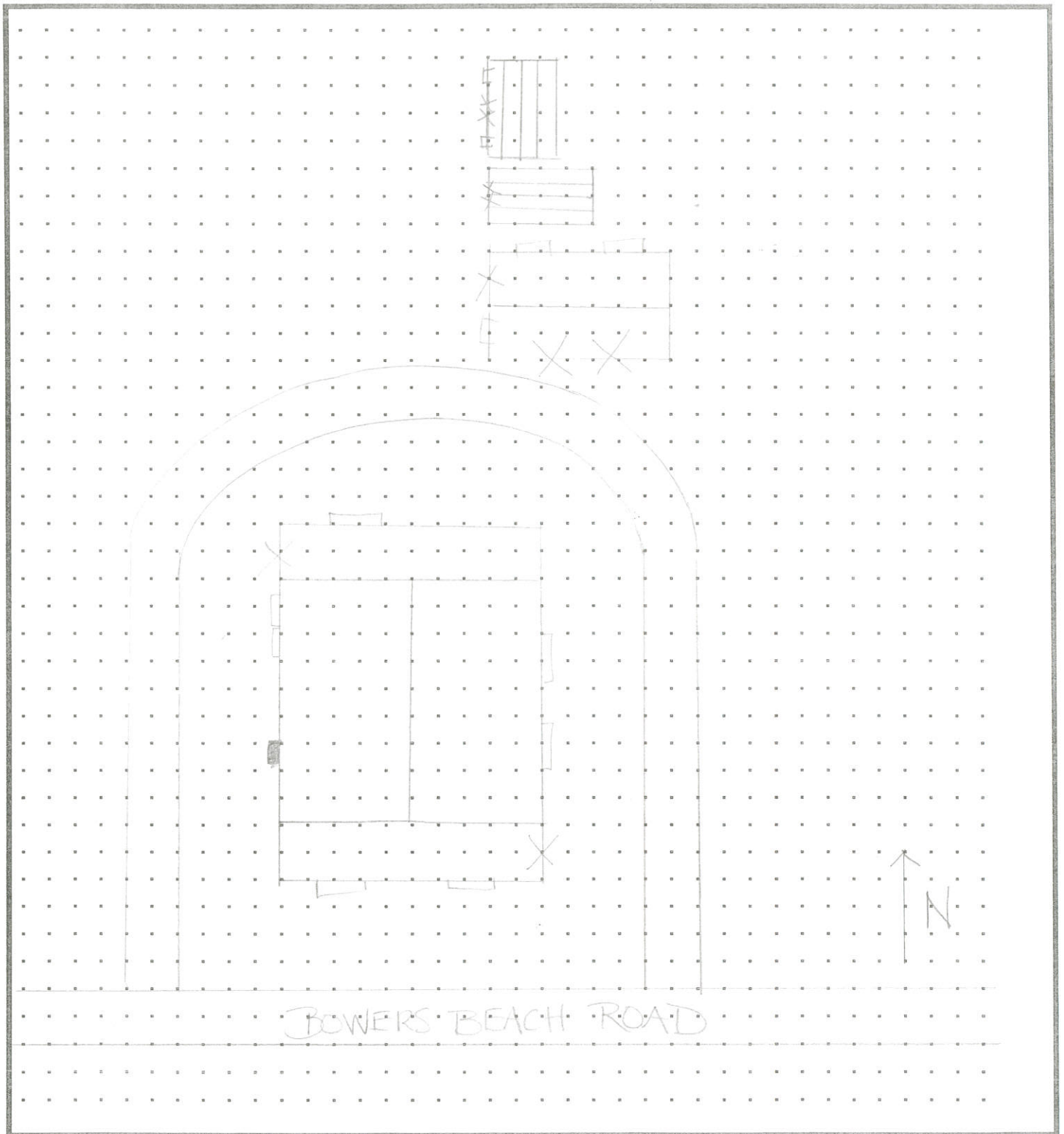
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4. SITE PLAN:

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INDICATE NORTH ON PLAN



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Grodkiewicz Property

General Description. The Grodkiewicz Property includes a mid-twentieth century, one-story dwelling, a modern garage (c. 1980), and two modern utility sheds. The dwelling occupies a grassy lawn in the midst of a gravel driveway that leads north from Bowers Beach Road and turns west and then south to encircle the dwelling. The garage is located on the north end of the driveway and the utility sheds are located north of the garage. Landscaping includes low shrubs that run along the sides of the driveway and deciduous trees in the lawn. Overall, the property is in good condition.

Main Building. The one-story gable front dwelling is two bays wide and three bays deep and can be characterized as a bungalow form. The frame walls of the dwelling rest on concrete block foundation and are clad in aluminum siding. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles and the eaves are encased in aluminum. In addition to replacement siding and roofing materials, the windows of the dwelling are vinyl replacements flanked by imitation vinyl shutters.

Attached to the north and south elevations of the dwelling are one-story additions. It appears that the addition to the façade (south elevation) was originally an open front porch. The porch is now pierced by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows at the south elevation and a 12-light window over an imitation panel metal door at the east elevation.

There are two paired windows at the east elevation of the main block. Access to the basement level is gained via the storm doors located at the north end of the east elevation.

The north elevation features a singular paired window at the first story of the shed addition and a one-over-one double-hung sash window and a metal vent at the half story of the main block.

The west elevation of the dwelling has a door opening in the one-story addition and two window openings in the main block. A concrete block chimney with a terracotta cap is also attached to the west elevation.

Outbuildings/Garage. A frame garage (ca. 1980), whose walls are clad in aluminum siding and rest on a concrete slab, is located northeast of the dwelling. The side gable garage features two overhead metal garage doors at the south elevation, adjacent to the driveway. The west elevation is pierced by a one-over-one, double-hung sash window and door, while the north elevation features two window openings.

Two frame, one-story utility sheds are located north of the garage. Both feature plywood siding at the walls and asphalt shingles at the gambrel roofs. The northernmost shed is side gambrel in orientation and features a pair of hinged doors at the west elevation flanked by multi-light window openings. The southernmost shed is gambrel front in

orientation, featuring a pair of hinged wooden doors at the west elevation. The sheds are currently used for storage purposes.

Historical Background. The property located at 111 Bowers Beach Road in Little Heaven was formed from the combination of two parcels. On November 6, 1947, Charles W. Baker sold the first parcel to Howard Ney (KCDB F18: 197). On April 20, 1950, Howard Ney sold the property to James E. Flynn for \$225 (KCDB Z18: 385). On July 23, 1951, James Flynn sold the property to Howard Ney for \$400 (KCDB F18: 197). On August 28, 1952, Howard Ney sold the property to Walenty Grodkiewicz and his wife, Felisa Grodkiewicz, for \$300 (KCDB Q19:416). In his will, Walenty Grodkiewicz conveyed both parcels to Felisa Grodkiewicz. On July 8, 1955, Felisa Grodkiewicz sold both parcels to Leon E. Grodkiewicz and his wife, Edith E. Grodkiewicz, for \$7,000 (KCDB A21: 317). Tax assessment records (Kent County Courthouse) state that this house was built in 1954.

Evaluation. The Grodkiewicz Property at 111 Bowers Beach Road is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because it does not meet the eligibility criteria established by the National Park Service (NPS 1997). While the Grodkiewicz Property retains a dwelling house representative of mid-twentieth-century residential architecture, the dwelling lacks integrity of materials due to the loss of original windows and addition(s), which obscure several of the original elevations. The loss of integrity affects its ability to convey trends in mid-twentieth-century residential development, so it is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A.

Property-specific research and documentary research of the area in general did not reveal any associations between the Grodkiewicz Property and significant events or trends in local, state, or national history. Likewise, research did not reveal any associations with significant individuals; therefore, the property is recommended not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The dwelling house does not display the distinctive characteristics of a type, style, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, it is recommended not eligible under Criterion C in the area of architecture. Archaeological investigations have not yet been conducted on this property; therefore, the resource's eligibility under Criterion D (potential to yield information important to history or prehistory) cannot be assessed at this time.

Bibliography

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